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SUBJECT: 92 ND SESSION UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD AGENDA ITEM 5.2  
COOPERATION WITH UNDP

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1. SUMMARY: THERE WERE LENGTHY AND GOOD DISCUSSIONS BY MOST MEMBERS OF BOARD REGARDING UNESCO' S PARTICIPATION IN COUNTRY PROGRAMMING PROCESS AND COOPERATION WITH UNDP. THERE WAS GENERAL CONCERN REGARDING APPARENTLY HECTIC NATURE OF REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS FOR INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY PROGRAMS, WITH LARGE NUMBERS OF PROGRAMS COMING AT ONCE AND WITH EXTREMELY SHORT TIME FOR REVIEW AND PREPARATION OF COMMENTS BY UNESCO. VARIOUS MEMBERS ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN REGARDING LENGTHY TIME LAPSING BETWEEN APPROVAL OF COUNTRY PROGRAMS BY UNDP GP AND UNDP ACTUALLY PUTTING PROJECTS INTO MOTION. OTHERS HAD CONCERN WITH APPARENT EXISTING BUREAUCRACY AND RIGIDITY OF UNDP PROCEDURES. COMMENTS REGARDING SELF- CRITICISM OF UNESCO ALSO MADE. IN ALL IT WAS FELT THAT BOTH UNDP AND UNESCO HAD ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENTS BUT SITUATION WAS PROBABLY BETTER THAN PREVIOUSLY. THE MOST NEGATIVE VIEWS WERE EXPRESSED BY USSR WHO WAS SOMEWHAT UNHAPPY WITH UNDP WITH COUNTRY PROGRAMMING

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AND WITH WHAT THEY FELT WAS EXCESS AMOUNT OF UNESCO STAFF TIME AND FUNDS SPENT IN SUPPORT OF UNDP ACTIVITIES. THEY WERE HOWEVER NOT WIDELY SUPPORTED IN THIS VIEW.

2. FOLLOWING RESOLUTION PASSED BY EB MAY 12 TH:  
THE EXECUTIVE BOARD,

- (1.) HAVING REVIEWED THE DIRECTOR- GENERAL' S REPORT ON COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME ( DOCUMENT 92- EX/23),
  - (2) NOTING THAT IN THE DIRECTOR- GENERAL' S OPINION COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME REPRESENTS AT THIS MOMENT APPROXIMATELY ONE- THIRD OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SECRETARIAT,
  - (3) AWARE OF THE DESIRE OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE EXPRESSED IN RESOLUTION 5.41 OF ITS SEVENTEENTH SESSION THAT THE BOARD BE FULLY INFORMED OF PROBLEMS AND DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN THE COUNTRY PROGRAMMING EXERCISES;
  - (4) NOTES THE INTRODUCTION OF COUNTRY PROGRAMMING, BUT NOTES THE DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS DURING THE TRANSITIONAL PERIOD;
  - (5) MINDFUL OF RESOLUTION 2688 ( XXV) OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL ON 22 JULY 1970, ACCORDING TO WHICH AMONG OTHERS, " WITHIN EACH AGENCY, ONE ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT SHOULD HAVE AN OVERALL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME PROJECTS",
  - (6) OBSERVING THAT AS FROM JANUARY 1973 IN UNESCO THE TASK OF COORDINATING ALL ASPECTS OF COUNTRY PROGRAMMING EXERCISES HAS BEEN ENTRUSTED TO THE BUREAU OF RELATIONS WITH MEMBER STATES AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMMES,
  - (7) INVITES THE DIRECTOR- GENERAL TO CONTINUE HIS EFFORTS TOWARD ACHIEVING A HIGH RATE OF IMPLEMENTATION BOTH WITHIN THE SECRETARIAT AND IN PARTNERSHIP WITH UNDP, AS WELL AS AN INCREASINGLY HIGH QUALITY, AND A MULTIPLIER OR INNOVATIVE EFFECT, IN THE PROJECTS:
  - (8) COMMISSIONS THE DIRECTOR- GENERAL TO CALL THE ATTENTION OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE UNDP TO THE NEED FOR TAKING APPROPRIATE MEASURES IN ORDER TO OVERCOME POSSIBLE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF COUNTRY PROGRAMMING AS REGARDS THE INNOVATIVE CHARACTER OF THE PROJECTS AND THE DESIRABLE REGIONAL SCOPE OF SOME OF THEM ?
  - (9) REQUESTS THE DIRECTOR- GENERAL TO CONTINUE TO REPORT REGULARLY ON THESE PROBLEMS, AS WELL AS ON ANY OTHER IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE ORGANIZATION' S OVERALL RELATION WITH UNDP.
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